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THE COURT: -- and that's --

24 MR. HAEFELE: Your Honor --

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Hang on a second. THE COURT:

17 circumstance doesn't seem like one that's going to change 1 2 over the next period of time. So if Judge Daniels at some point rules on the objections, I can then direct that the 3 documents be produced in ten days, and that will then tee up 4 5 the issue. 6 MR. HAEFELE: Your Honor, this is Robert Haefele from Motley Rice. One factual clarification I just want to 7 make is if you look back at the papers that were filed, 8 9 there was not, to my understanding when I looked back, a filing from the Al-Haramain headquarters on that issue. 10 11 What you got was documentation from individuals on behalf of 12 the, who are representatives of the U.S. headquarters or 13 U.S. branch that said what you just said. It wasn't Al-14 Haramain Saudi's headquarters' office that said that. 15 THE COURT: No, I think that's right, but --16 (interposing) 17 THE COURT: Hang on a second, but am I mistaken in my understanding that Mr. Kabat was purportedly to 18 19 represent both? 20 I'll let him speak to that, but MR. HAEFELE: 21 it's my understanding that Al-Haramain, the headquarters, 22 had entered an appearance by a different lawyer and - well, 23 I'll let Mr. Kabat say whether he represents both at this

point though.

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MR. KABAT: Your Honor, Alan Kabat here. We do

18 1 not represent Saudi Al-Haramain group. THE COURT: 2 Okay. Well, so then I guess the issue is --3 Your Honor, can I interject one 4 MR. HAEFELE: 5 more thing? 6 THE COURT: Sure, absolutely. MR. HAEFELE: What we've been trying to do really 7 is get the discovery rolling and get it rolling on a level 8 9 that would be consistent with what Your Honor's previous 10 decisions were and what the scheduling was for all of the 11 defendants. And given that, as Your Honor indicated 12 correctly, the objections don't necessarily stay in any 13 order, it would seem consistent with Your Honor's previous 14 orders that they should at least be obligated to produce, 15 all of the defendants will be obligated to produce by the 16 deadline in early January that Your Honor set. THE COURT: 17 I think that's correct, but as a 18 practical matter, I'm unlikely to do anything with respect 19 to Al-Haramain further until Judge Daniels rules, and I 20 don't think that's going to prejudice you because it doesn't 21 appear that any - Mr. Kabat can correct me if I'm wrong - if 22 the objections are overruled, that's not going to lead to 23 more documents being produced. Am I misapprehending that? 24 MR. HAEFELE: The answer I think is no one knows 25 because there has been no word from the lawyer representing

the Saudi headquarters as to whether or not - I mean one of the concerns we have, Your Honor, is we don't even have initial disclosures from the lawyers representing the Saudi

4 headquarters.

THE COURT: Right, and I guess I'm not astonished by that. I guess I was operating with the assumption, and we had alluded to it last time, that certain of the defendants who are in the case now may, in fact, default, both in discovery obligations and every other obligation.

(interposing)

MR. HAEFELE: I guess my perspective, Your Honor, would be I would rather in a sense, I don't mean this in a derogatory way, but I would rather force their hand to do that so that we know sooner rather than later that that's what they're planning on doing. And if Your Honor orders them to have a deadline, and if they don't meet that deadline, then we have a better indication of who's actually active in the case.

THE COURT: Well, I directed that rolling productions begin by what date? I know I said they're to be completed by April 29. Refresh my recollection as to when I said they should begin. Responses were to be January 7. I guess it was from that date forward that there be a rolling production.

MR. HAEFELE: That was my understanding, Your

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Honor, and, quite frankly, our position would be that to the
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    extent that there is any documents that were covered by Your
    Honor's order that do exist and were objected to but now
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    Your Honor has overruled, those should be produced
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    immediately at the beginning, at the inception of that
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    deadline rather than throughout the rolling production,
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    especially given that these are requests that have been
    outstanding for years.
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             THE COURT:
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                          Your Honor, may I briefly step in?
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             MR. KABAT:
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    I just want to reiterate that our client, the (inaudible)
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    Group, simply has no ability to get the documents from the
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    Saudi group. We've made that clear, and we know the
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    plaintiff waited five years to file the motion to compel.
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    So any delay (inaudible) problem of their own making.
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             THE COURT: What I'm willing to do, because maybe
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    it'll give us a paradigm for discussion, is I will say that
    the Al-Haramain Saudi entity is to produce its documents by
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    January 7. It hasn't filed -
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              (interposing)
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             MR. KABAT: -- documents we have --
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             THE COURT:
                           Sorry? I didn't hear what you said,
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    Mr. Kabat.
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             MR. KABAT:
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Hello? Did we just lose everybody?

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THE COURT:

21 (interposing) 1 MR. HAEFELE: He may not have heard you, Your 2 3 Honor. Oh, Mr. Kabat, you said something 4 THE COURT: 5 that I didn't hear. 6 MR. KABAT: I said we will certainly produce what 7 documents we have on January 7, but we do not currently have any access to the Saudi documents. And I would be surprised 8 9 if we get access by January 7, but if we do, we'll produce 10 those as well. 11 Your Honor, can we ask for one MR. HAEFELE: 12 clarification in writing? When Mr. Kabat says that he has 13 or his client has no documents, I want to make sure that 14 we're not doing the same things we've done with Miss Lukee's 15 client where the documents happen to be in the lawyer's 16 possession and not in the client's possession. We'd like that in writing if that's the case. 17 18 Well, as to any defendants or anybody THE COURT: 19 subpoenaed, the documents that are to be produced are those 20 within the defendant or subpoeanant's possession, custody, 21 or control, and documents in the hands of lawyers and 2.2 accountants and other agents are in the custody or control 23 of a party that was subpoenaed or requested to produce the 24 documents. So that I think is clear with respect to all 25 entities.

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In light of what Mr. Kabat said, I will direct 1 2 that both of the Al-Haramain entities produce their 3 documents by January 7. Yes, Your Honor, Alan Kabat here. 4 MR. KABAT: 5 (inaudible) documents that we have and our client has will 6 be produced if they haven't already been produced. 7 Okay, terrific. And I didn't THE COURT: explicitly say, but I would like to receive in advance of 8 9 the January 14 conference a letter, say, by - I'm mindful 10 that the holidays are between now and then, again, a letter, 11 hopefully a joint letter, by January 10 - I think we should 12 be getting back to joint letters - identifying the issues 13 that people believe ought to be discussed on January 14 and 14 the two sides' positions with respect to that. And I'll 15 leave it to you folks to figure out how to manage to make it 16 a joint letter. Is that acceptable? 17 MR. HAEFELE: Yes, Your Honor. 18 MR. KABAT: Yes, Your Honor. 19 Anything else anybody wishes to bring THE COURT: 20 up today? 21 This is Jerry Goldman. There's a MR. GOLDMAN: 22 bit of ambiguity, and we'd like some clarification, in terms of Your Honor's desires with the five-day rule with regard 23 24 to advance notice. Specifically when does the responding 25 party have to make its submission to the Court?

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